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FUNCTIONS OF NIRD
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD) is doing some major activities in the North East Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any plan to involve the registered trade unions of rural workers in its different workshops;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the manner in which the NIRD is trying to improve the life and living of unorganized rural workers in North-East Region and Assam ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRASEKHAR SAHU)

(a) Yes Sir. National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD) is catering to the training, research and other needs of the North-Eastern region in the areas of rural development through its regional centre, North-Eastern Regional Centre (NERC), which was established in 1983 specifically for this purpose.

(b) The North Eastern Regional Centre takes up training for senior functionaries (District and above), NGO & PRI functionaries, identifies critical gap through workshops, seminars, interactive meetings and field exposure. It also networks the 8 State Institutes of Rural Development of North East Region and takes up collaborative research and training in conjunction with national and international level institutions. During 2006-2007 till date, the NERC conducted 60 training programmes with 1448 participants.

(c) The mandate of NIRD is to build the capacity and skill development for Rural Development/ Panchayati Raj Institutions, Non-Government Organisation functionaries, academicians, Bankers etc. The Institute or its regional centre, NERC has so far not planned for systematic involvement of registered trade unions of rural workers in workshops and seminars organized.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The NERC of NIRD is contributing to the life of rural people of North-Eastern region by developing the skill and capacity building by conducting series of workshops and training for effective implementation of Rural Development programmes including interface meetings involving Bankers, NGOs, Senior Government officials and Critical Functionaries, by actively networking with 8 SIRDs through off-campus demand driven courses, by coordinating with Regional/National/International Institutions and by providing active support to SIRDs for taking up action research.